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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SALISBURY STATEMENT

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I. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR
USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN AFTERNOON APRIL 25 TO
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RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON SALISBURY
STATEMENT ON ALL-PARTIES MEETING (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

WE DO NOT VIEW THE SALISBURY STATEMENT AS A CATEGORIC
REJECTION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SUGGESTION OF AN ALL-

PARTIES MEETING. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE OUR CONTACTS WITH ALL THE PARTIES TO DEFINE FURTHER THE ISSUES WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH A MEETING, AND, IN DOING SO, INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS SUCCESS.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR ASSERTION THAT AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING WOULD NECESSARILY BE DESTINED TO FAIL AS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE DID IN 1976. CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. NEW ALIGNMENTS HAVE DEVELOPED AMONG THE PARTIES AND THE WAR HAS ACCELERA-

TED IN INTENSITY. THERE IS EVEN A GREATER NEED TODAY THAN AT THE TIME OF GENEVA FOR A FAIR SETTLEMENT WHICH GIVES ALL PARTIES AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE POLITICAL POWER THROUGH THE BALLOT BOX.

A WORKABLE SOLUTION CAN BE ACHIEVED IF THE PARTIES WILL PUT THEIR MINDS AND THEIR WILL BEHIND THE EFFORT TO REALIZE PRINCIPLES WHICH THEY HAVE ALL ACCEPTED, I.E., UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND MAJORITY RULE. END TEXT. VANCE

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